

What is claimed is:

1        1.        A method of migrating configuration data from a first executable product to a second  
2        executable product, the method comprising the steps of:  
3                instructing the first executable product to provide a file containing selected configuration  
4        data; and  
5                producing, by the first executable product, the file containing the selected configuration  
6        data in a format acceptable to the second executable product.

1        2.        The method of migrating configuration data according to Claim 1, further comprising the  
2        steps of:  
3                reading the file by the second executable product; and  
4                configuring the second executable product for operation using the selected configuration  
5        data contained in the file.

1        3.        The method of migrating configuration data according to Claim 1, further comprising the  
2        step of:  
3                modifying the first executable product to respond to a command by an external agent to  
4        provide the selected configuration data in the format acceptable to the second executable product.

1        4.        The method of migrating configuration data according to Claim 1, wherein the step of  
2        instructing is accomplished by providing a parameter recognized by the first executable product.

1 5. The method of migrating configuration data according to Claim 4, wherein the parameter  
2 is recognized at initial startup of the first executable product.

1 6. The method of migrating configuration data according to Claim 4, wherein the parameter  
2 is recognized during normal operation of the first executable product.

1 7. The method of migrating configuration data according to Claim 1, further comprising the  
2 step of:  
3 modifying the file produced by the first executable product, wherein additional data is  
4 incorporated into the file for purposes of configuring the second executable product.

1 8. The method of migrating configuration data according to Claim 7, wherein the step of  
2 modifying is performed by editing the file.

1 9. The method of migrating configuration data according to Claim 7, wherein the step of  
2 modifying is performed by a third executable product.

1 10. A first executable code for migrating configuration data to a second executable code, the  
2 first executable code comprising:  
3 a function for receiving a command from an external agent;

4 a function responsive to the receiving of the command for obtaining configuration data  
5 available to the first executable code which is useful to the second executable code;  
6 a function for arranging the data according to a format usable by the second executable  
7 code; and  
8 a function for writing the data to one or more external media for access by the second  
9 executable code.

1 11. The first executable code according to Claim 10, wherein the external agent is a command  
2 issued from a computer terminal by a human operator.

1 12. The first executable code according to Claim 10, wherein the external agent is a scripted  
2 command issued through execution of a batch file.

1 13. The first executable code according to Claim 10, wherein the external agent is a system  
2 scheduler that issues the command at a pre-determined time.

1 14. The first executable code according to Claim 10, wherein the external media are  
2 persistent.

1 15. The first executable code according to Claim 14, wherein the external media comprise one  
2 or more disk files.

1 16. The first executable code according to Claim 10, wherein the data is obtained from one or  
2 more internal control blocks accessible by the first executable code.

1 17. The first executable code according to Claim 16, wherein the internal control blocks were  
2 constructed by the first executable code using configuration files and command line parameters.

1 18. A computer program product for migrating configuration data used by a first computer  
2 process to a second computer process requiring a set of data arranged in a format, the computer  
3 program product being embodied on one or more computer-readable media and comprising:

4 computer-readable program code means for responding to a command presented by an  
5 external agent to produce a file according to the format, the file containing selected configuration  
6 data, the computer-readable program code means for responding contained in the first computer  
7 process;

8 computer-readable program code means for outputting the file to a selected location, the  
9 computer-readable program code means for outputting contained in the first computer process;

10 and

11 computer-readable program code means for reading the file from the selected location, the

12 computer-readable program code means for reading contained in the second computer process.

1 19. A system for migrating configuration data, the system comprising:

2 a first executable product capable of providing a file containing selected configuration data  
3 arranged in a format; and

4 a second executable product responsive to the format, wherein the second executable  
5 product accesses the file to obtain the configuration data.

1 20. The system for migrating configuration data according to Claim 19, wherein the capability  
2 of providing the file containing the selected configuration data arranged in the format is  
3 implemented as a modification to the first executable product, the modification comprising:

4 means for receiving a command from an external agent;

5 means, responsive to the receiving of the command, for obtaining those configuration data  
6 available to the first executable product which are useful to the second executable product;

7 means for arranging the obtained data according to the format usable by the second  
8 executable product; and

9 means for writing the obtained data to one or more external media for access by the  
10 second executable product.

1 21. The system for migrating configuration data according to Claim 19, wherein the  
2 configuration data is obtained from one or more internal tables of the first executable product.

1 22. The system for migrating configuration data according to Claim 19, wherein the  
2 configuration data is obtained from a configuration file

1 23. The system for migrating configuration data according to Claim 19, wherein the  
2 configuration data is obtained in response to a startup parameter.

1 24. The system for migrating configuration data according to Claim 19, wherein the  
2 configuration data is obtained in response to a command provided by an external agent.

1 25. The system for migrating configuration data according to Claim 19, wherein the second  
2 computer product is a replacement for the first computer product.

1 26. A data migration utility, comprising:  
2 means for accessing selected configuration data;  
3 means for formatting the selected configuration data according to a format recognized by  
4 a computer program; and  
5 means for outputting the selected configuration, according to the format, on one or more  
6 storage media recognized by the computer program.

1 27. The data migration utility according to Claim 26, wherein the configuration data  
2 comprises one or more of messages, command parameters, disk files, and external tables.

1 28. The data migration utility according to Claim 26, wherein the storage media comprises  
2 one or more of disk, volatile memory, CDROM, and EEPROM.